

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

December 13, 2013

TO:

Mayor and Council

THRU:

Andrew Clinger, City Manager

FROM:

Bill Thomas, Assistant City Manager

John Flansberg, P.E., Director of Public Work

Jason Geddes, Environmental Services Coordinator

SUBJECT:

**Solid Waste Franchise and Animal Proof Containers** 

The City's solid waste franchise agreements with Waste Management authorize the City Manager or his designee to make approvals, issue interpretations, waive provisions, execute all necessary documents enter into amendments and otherwise take actions on behalf of the City relating to the agreements, so long as such actions do not materially change the scope, nature or exclusivity of the franchise agreements.

Bears, and other animals, accessing residential garbage cans are a perennial problem. Washoe County District Health Regulations 010.034 and 040.005-112 address solid waste storage and animal resistant containers. After meeting with representatives of homeowners associations, Waste Management, Washoe County and Washoe County District Health Department, the City Manager will implement the following changes to the residential franchise agreement starting on January 17, 2014:

- 1. Modify Exhibit C to include two options for monthly animal resistant cart service over and above the standard service rate:
  - a. Animal resistant cart curbside service @ \$6.27/month. The rate is based on the fact that drivers must exit the vehicle, open a latch, and empty the animal resistant cart, which requires more work and time than standard curbside service.
  - Animal resistant cart side yard service @ \$11.33/month. Side yard service requires b. drivers to retrieve and return the animal resistant cart to the side of a customer's house. The monthly rate is the same as the current side yard rate for regular carts.
- 2. Expand the definition of "Containers" to include the definition for animal resistant carts consistent with the Health District. The City will publish a list of animal resistant carts that meet Waste Management, Nevada Department of Wildlife and Health District specifications.

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Customers may purchase their own animal resistant cart from, Lowe's, Home Depot or other third party vendor, and pay the standard base rate in Exhibit C based on the cart size option they chose, plus the applicable charge from section 1 a or b above.

- 3. Customers subscribing to animal resistant cart service will be required to return their standard cart to Waste Management, and remain solely responsible for animal resistant cart maintenance, repair and replacement.
- 4. Customers subscribing to animal resistant cart service will be instructed to thoroughly remove of all food contaminants prior to place in recycling cart or to place contaminated recyclables in animal resistant cart.